House Resolution No. 4305

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize milestone events of organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize DEAF Way, of St. Louis, Missouri, which is observing its tenth anniversary with an Open House to be held on October 9, 2008; and

Whereas, DEAF Way's mission is to empower people who are deaf and who are hearing to provide clear and effective communication in any situation; and

Whereas, DEAF Way can be proud of its success in raising the standard of interpreting services in Missouri and neighboring Illinois; and

Whereas, DEAF Way's objective are to advocate the rights of deaf individuals in the community; to provide appropriate interpreters in any situation; to deliver excellent customer service; to raise deaf-awareness through sign-language classes; to be available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and in emergencies; to be a resource for interpreters' continuing education; and to mentor novice- and apprentice-level interpreters:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations and gratitude to DEAF Way on the illustrious occasion of its tenth anniversary, with our very best wishes for a successful Open House and for continued success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of DEAF Way.

Offered by

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I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4305, adopted October 6, 2008.